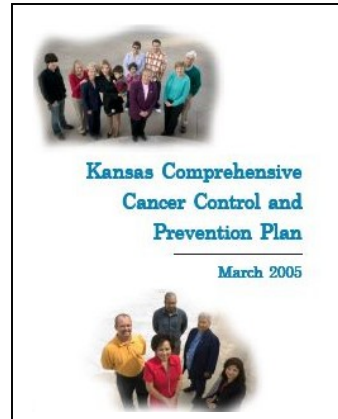


Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan Introduced Across the State

A series of public meetings were held across Kansas the past four months to introduce the Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan to citizens, health care professionals and cancer survivors. A total of 16 meetings were held in nine locations from May through August with more than 100 participants.

“Meetings included a cross-section of the Kansas population and these individuals were given the opportunity to approach the problem of cancer in their own local community,” said Patrice O’Hara, Cancer Program Manager in KDHE’s Office of Health Promotion. “By expressing their interests and concerns, attendees could work within their sphere of influence to approach their issues and concerns with cancer.”



Meetings were held in the cities of Shawnee and Olathe in the Kansas City area and in Topeka in May. In June, meetings were held in Salina, Parsons and Garden City. The meetings in August were held in Wichita, Hays and Colby.

Participants included cancer survivors and individuals representing agencies such as hospitals, health departments, community cancer centers, medical research foundations, hospices, oncology centers, community coalitions, radon programs, state agencies, cancer societies and institutes, and tobacco free programs.

Results of the town hall meetings were presented to the 55 attendees at the bi-annual Kansas Cancer Partnership meeting held on Sept. 9 in Topeka.